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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
PHILIP S. GREEN ) Examiner: LEE, R.  
Application No.: 08/709,965 )  
Filed: September 9, 1996 ) Art Unit: 2713  
For: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL )  
INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR ) AMENDMENT  
USE (AS AMENDED) )  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 1997, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26-38 and 40-46, and please add claims 47-57, as follows. All claims are set forth for convenient reference.

1           1. 26. (Amended) An endoscopic surgical instrument  
2 comprising a control section and an insertion section wherein:  
3                 the insertion section is insertable [adapted to be  
4                 inserted] into a patient through a small incision to a location  
5 adjacent a worksite in the patient;  
6                 the insertion section comprises a rigid forearm link, a  
7                 wrist link and an end effector wherein:

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